Adelia M. Hillman,

1890

MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Mississippi Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

McCOMB CITY BAPTIST CHURCH,

OCTOBER 7-10, A. D. 1892.

OFFICERS:

R. J. Stewart, Liberty, Moderator.

J. P. Hemby, Gloster, Clerk.

S. R. Quin, McComb City, Treasurer.

NEXT MEETING,

Place—Siloam.

Time—Friday before the second Lord's day in October 1893, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Associational Sermon—S. W. Sibley.

Alternate—Elisha Gardner.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

McComb City, Miss., Oct. 7th, 1892.

1. Pursuant to adjournment, the Mississippi Baptist Association met with the McComb City Baptist Church.

2. Upon motion, the introductory sermon was postponed till 7:30 o'clock, to-night.

3. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, R. J. Stewart.

4. Brethren P. L. Marsalis and S. W. Sibley were appointed reading Clerks, and the Moderator proceeded to call the roll of churches.

5. Letters from the churches were read and their delegates enrolled as follows:

Arlington—S. J. Hodges and H. N. Ellzey.
Bethel—R. P. Bates and J. M. Smith.
Bethlehem—W. E. Lea and C. D. Causey.
Concord—J. M. Godwin and J. I. Godbold.
East Fork—J. H. Lane, T. J. J. Spurlock, H. D. Sandifer and J. R. Baham.
Ebenezer—C. A. Young and W. B. Gardner.
Galilee—S. T. Van Norman, J. P. Hemby, J. L. McLain and G. W. Umberger.
Hebron—G. P. Gardner and J. F. Hamilton.
Hopewell—D. D. Rollins and J. M. Ford.
Liberty—R. J. Stewart, P. L. Marsalis and T. J. Webb.
Mars Hill—A. S. Turner and L. Turner.
McComb City—J. C. Gadd, I. A. Quin, S. R. Quin, O. B. Quin and W. M. Jenkins.
Mt. Zion—H. I. Weathersby, J. W. Gamble, Munroe Murry and Wm. Mullins.
Mt. Pleasant, Franklin Co.—W. M. Ezell and B. M. Wilkinson.

Mt. Pleasant, Amite Co.—S. C. Williams and P. C. Ethridge.
Mt. Vernon—W. P. Smith and H. T. Comish.
Mt. Olive—W. E. Young and J. W. Pate.
New Hope, Franklin Co.—Letter only.
New Hope, Amite Co.—J. B. McClendon and J. D. Newman.
New Providence—H. R. Causey and S. C. Gardner.
New Salem—Chas. Buckels and Zack Byrd.
New Zion—I. L. Moore.
Ramah—L. L. Magee.
Sarepta—Not represented.
Siloam—W. D. Jones and Charlie Cole.
Summit—C. H. Otken and S. W. Sibley.
Zion Hill—G. D. Brashears and Lem Parker.

6. H. I. Weathersby and H. R. Causey were appointed tellers, and the Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

7. The following was the result:
For Moderator, R. J. Stewart;
For Clerk, J. P. Hemby;
For Treasurer, S. R. Quin.

8. The Association then adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m. with benediction by C. H. Otken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

9. At 2 p. m. the Association re assembled and after singing "How firm a foundation," joined in prayer led by Wm. Jones.

10. After some appropriate and timely remarks, the Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

11—CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

from the following bodies were received:

From Mississippi River Association—Wm. Jones.
From Bogue Chitto Association—S. C. Walker, W. R. Walker, C. S. Curtis, W. F. Yarborough and I. Allmand.
From Fair River Association—E. P. Douglass, A. Reeves and W. H. Bailey.
From Mississippi College—R. A. Venable.
From Board Ministerial Education—L. Ball.
From Homo Chitto (Col.) Association—Dennis Thomas.
From Union Association—J. Jasper Green,

12. The Arlington church presented a petitionary letter asking for membership in this body, which was referred to the following committee: C. H. Otken, G. L. Brashears and S. T. Van Norman.

13. Upon motion of P. L. Marsalis, Brethren J. L. McLain

and G. W. Umberger were seated as delegates from Galilee church.

14. Brother Wm. Mullin was seated as delegate from Mt. Zion, and Bro. H. D. Comish from Mt. Vernon.

15. J. C. Gadd offered and the Association adopted the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That this Association meet at 9 a. m., and adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 2 p. m., and adjourn at 5 p. m.; meet at 7:30 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

16. The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and delegates of this church.

On Finance—A. S. Turner, H. R. Causey and Chas. Buckels.

On Religious Literature—S. W. Sibley, W. E. Lea and J. M. Godwin.

On Mississippi College—P. L. Marsalis, W. B. Gardner and J. M. Ford.

On Sunday Schools—S. T. Van Norman, W P Smith and T J J Spurlock.

On Pastoral Support—H I Weathersby, C D Causey and S R Quin.

On Ministerial Education—J H Lane, T J Webb and J I Godbold.

On Work among the Negroes—C H Otken, J W Gamble and J F Hamilton.

On Nominations—S J Hodges, W M Ezell and W E Young.

On Sustentation—W F Yarborough, H D Sandifer and S C Williams.

On Temperance—D A Given, C A Young and J B McClendon.

On Plan of Work—G L Brashears, I A Quin and D D Rollins.

On Missions—J C Gadd, G. P. Gardner and L L Magee.

On Obituaries—Wm Jones, Lem. Parker and H N Ellzey.

17. The committee to whom the petitionary letter was referred made the following

REPORT.

Your committee would respectfully report on the petitionary letter of the Arlington Baptist church:

We find this church orthodox and sound in the faith, and

commend said Arlington church to be received into the fellowship of this Association.

Respectfully,
C H Otken,
S T Van Norman,
G L Brashears.

The report was adopted, and after receiving the hand of fellowship from the Moderator, she was enrolled with her delegates, in the list of churches above.

18. Upon motion of S W Sibley, one hour was given for a special meeting of the women at such time and place as they may select.

19. The committee on Religious Exercises made the following partial

REPORT.

The Introductory sermon to be preached in this house to-night at 7:30, and R J Stewart to preach at Whitestown at the same hour.

Ladies meeting at the Methodist church at 3 p. m. to-morrow.

20. Upon motion of C. H. Otken, a committee on Educational Institutions under Baptist influence within the bounds of this Association was appointed. Committee: E P Douglass, J M Cook and W R Walker.

21. D M Huff offered and the Association adopted the following

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare and have printed and distributed the required number of minutes of this Association; that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for funds to defray the expense of the same; and that he be allowed twenty-five ($25.00) dollars for his services.

22 J. H. Lane presented J. P. Hemby's account of $36,45 against this Association for past services rendered as clerk, etc., which was referred to the churches for settlement.

23 Upon motion of P. L. Marsalis it was

RESOLVED

That the churches be requested hereafter to send fifteen (15 cts.) cents to the Associational fund for each copy of minutes asked for by them.

24 S. C. Gardner presented an account of three ($3.40) dollars and forty cents, of W. P. Gardner, former Treasurer, ad-

vanced by him for printing the minutes of last year. The account was referred to the churches to be paid.

25 Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Cook.

EVENING SESSION.

26 At 7:30 p. m. J. C. Gadd preached the Introductory sermon from Exodus 14: 15 "Go forward" Theme—Religious Progress.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 8th, 1892.

27 The Association assembled at 9 o'clock a m and engaged in devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

28. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

29. Upon motion of J. P. Hemby, the report on Mississippi College was made the special order for 7:30 o'clock to-night.

30 S. W. Sibley read the

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Literature is abundant every where—even religious literature. It is not only abundant, but cheap, so far as dollars and cents go. But cheapness is not the standard by which to judge helpful literature. There are books and papers that would be dear even if they cost us nothing Every household should be guarded against the entrance of trashy and vulgar literature, and open to the good. Parents have a grave responsibility in the selection of religious books and papers. As suitable reading for the homes of our Baptist families, your committee suggests:

1st. The Baptist Record, published at Meridian, Mississippi. This paper is sound in morals and Baptist doctrines. It should be in every Baptist family. It will help to make your homes and churches better.

2d. The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Virgina. This magazine is indispensible to those who desire to keep themselves informed on the subject of Foreign Missions as carried on under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention.

3d. The Southern Baptist Convention Series of Sunday School helps.

These periodicals are equal to any; and every dollar over and above the price of publishing goes into the treasury of the Southern Baptist Convention.

4th. The Bible is the chief book. We recommend, therefore not only the reading of it, but the prayerful study of it.

Respectfully,

S. W. SIBLEY,
W. E. LEA,
J. M. GODWIN.

The report was discussed by S. W. Sibley and R. A. Venable and adopted.

31 S. T. Van Norman presented the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The study of the Scriptures is important to all. And the doctrines of the Baptist church are also important to our people, and can be easily impressed upon the youthful mind. We can therefore at once see the great importance of the Sunday School work.

By this work christian character is being developed; and many of our young people are being led to Jesus, and are made more thoroughly acquainted with the doctrines of our church. Your committee would, therefore, urge upon the churches the importance of Sunday Schools. We are happy to report that progress is being made all along this line. We see that a larger per cent of the churches report better Sunday Schools than heretofore. Our people are awaking up out of their slumbers to the importance of Sunday Schools. And your committee would earnestly recommend that the churches push the work until every church can report a good Sunday School, and all schools report every child within its reach as a pupil.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. VAN NORMAN,
W. PRATT SMITH,
T. J. J. SPURLOCK.

After discussion by J. M. Godwin the report was adopted.

32 J. H. Lane read the

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial education would make the following report:

1st God has made it the duty of every one who has been called of Him to preach the gospel, to prepare himself for that work.

2d. Many whom God has called are poor and not able to make this preparation. Hence the duty of the churches to come to their help.

3d. This is a day of education. The few are looking to the pulpit for instruction. How can the pulpit instruct, unless it has been instructed? Last session we had forty-five young ministers in Mississippi College, most of whom were dependent on the Ministerial Board for help. We have about thirty this session—one of whom is from this Association. Inasmuch as we have a special Board for this work, we recommend that pledges be taken, and the amounts promised be collected and forwarded to Eld. S. M. Ellis, Secretary of the Board, at Clinton, Mississippi, as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

J. H. LANE,
T. J. WEBB,
J. I. GODBOLD.

Pending the adoption of this report, and its discuss on by J. H. Lane, L. Ball, T. J. Webb, C. H. Otken and J. F. Hamilton, a cash collection of $14.45 was taken to pay the matriculation fee of W. J. Weatherly in Mississippi College; and try pledges were made for Ministerial Education as follows:

Arlington	$ 5 00
Bethel	5 00
Bethlehem	2 50
Concord	5 00
East Fork, a box and	20 00
Ebenezer	15 00
Galilee	15 00
Liberty	10 00
Mars Hill, a box and	20 00
McComb City a box and	35 00
Mt Zion	10 00
Mt Pleasant, Amite	3 00
Mt Vernon	10 00
New Hope, Amite	2 50
New Providence	5 00
New Salem	2 50
New Zion	5 00
Ramah	2 50
Siloam	2 50
Summit, a box and	19 50
Zion Hill	5 00
Total	$200 00

33. Adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m. with benediction by S. H. Thompson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

34. The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and after singing "How tedious and tasteless the hours," joined in prayer, led by L. Ball.

35. After some further discussion of the report on Ministerial Education, it was adopted.

36. C. H. Otken read the

REPORT ON WORK AMONG THE NEGROES.

Your committee is perplexed with the difficulties that environ the subject assigned for its consideration. What has been done in a general way is not the problem. Long association with the Anglo-Saxon race has taught this people many a valuable lesson. A great government has taken them under its strong protective care, and made them equal before the law with the white man; and each Southern State has provided them with the advantages of an elementary education. The blessings of our superior civilization are at the doors of the colored people. Philanthropists of Northern States have given millions of dollars to establish colleges and high schools for this race to promote their elevation in intelligence and morals. Every endeavor for their advancement in intelligence and morals has been from without. The kindness and friendship of the Southern people, the strong leverage of the government investing them with civil rights and privileges, and the beneficence of the wealthy, have all been in active and efficient operation for a quarter of a century, to place this race on the highway of an advancing civilization. But all this potent influence is extraneous. The race is practically passive. No effort for improvement is born within. No generous, thoughtful suggestion has come from this people for their betterment, that is characterized by hopeful and practical purposes. Our brother in black seems to resemble the man with the talent burried in the earth, or with the pound wrapped up in a napkin, he does not augment his treasure.

What has been done for the colored people in the last twenty-five years is without a parallel in history. What they have done for themselves, is not so significant. Viewing the condition of this people morally, stubborn facts present their case as fearfully dreary. Industry is to them a repellant virtue; promises are well nigh meaningless; conscientious scruples concerning the right, is almost unknown; moral purity begars description; the marriage relation may be ignored by any flimsy pretext; home-life is deplorably depressed.

A great unsolved problem is before the Southern people. To let it alone, as some advise, means moral degeneration. The contagion of this moral condition, threatens every home. Vice is never idle. Dead moral perceptions are the sure precursors of the dread harvest of death. The future is dark.

What ought to be done for this race in respect to their moral and religious condition is the question that should press upon the conscience of Christian men. What can be done with God's blessings, is perhaps the more practical form of the interrogatory. Let the ministers of this Association form themselves into a Minister's Institute. Let this Institute formulate a number of practical moral questions and certain practical Christian doctrines, and invite the colored ministers and deacons to their lectures and expositions. Let week-days be selected for this purpose, or such other time as shall best accomplish the great end in view. With God's blessings, something may be done. The leaders of this people must be toned up to higher conceptions in the entire range of moral and Christian life. The duty to make some earnest effort is enjoined by our relations to this people and by the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. OTKEN,
J. W. GAMBLE,
J. F. HAMILTON.

After discussion by C. H. Otken and S. R. Young, the report was adopted.

37. W. F. Yarborough read the

REPORT ON SUSTENTATION.

We are free to confess that it is the duty of the churches to support and maintain our aged brethren who have worn out their lives in the Master's service and are left without means of support. This seems to be the divine plan. Let us prove our faith by our works.

As we have no general fund for this purpose your committee would recommend that the individual churches look after this work.

Respectfully,

W. F. YARBOROUGH,
H D. SANDIFER,
S. C. WILLIAMS.

The report was discussed by W. F. Yarborough and D. H. Quin, and adopted.

38. D. A. Given read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance is a great evil. Indeed, it is a fearful sin against our God, our country, and our posterity; for to it is to be attributed the origin and foundation of sixty per cent or more of the crime and disease with which humanity is afflicted.

It fills our prisons, poor houses and insane asylums with its victims. It makes widows of our tender women, and orphans of our innocent children; it sends through a premature grave into an eternity of shame and woe, from eighty to a hundred thousand of our countrymen every year, as witnesses of its body-killing and soul-destroying power. If its reign of wreck and ruin over the human family were confined to its immediate victims, or even their immediate generation, there would not be so much to deplore, but this is not so—it cannot be. Far up the stream of time among our ancestors, was laid the foundation of the mental and physical disease that humanity is suffering from to-day; and the moral depravity of our race has been aggravated and intensified by the action of the poison injected into it through the death-dealing fangs of this monster. Surely the "iniquity of the father" is visited upon the children to the third and fourth generation.

Hence, temperance in the use of alcoholic stimulants has never been, and can never be, the remedy to protect us against this evil, as temperance in the use of anything is to use it in moderation, which is impossibleto the majority of mankind who make the experiment with strong drink, which is pronounced by B. F. Ward, M. D., to be "a sort of chemical brigand; a piratical, despotic fluid, that drives out the lawful occupant of every vital abode that it enters."

As Christians, we must make war upon this enemy as upon any other vice, and insist upon *total abstinance*; and as Christians are expected to be in the lead on the side of right, and to make no compromise with sin and satan; we must be pronounced in the support of Prohibition. We have put our hands to the plow, we dare not look back.

We recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That this Association most earnestly urge upon the churches the importance and duty of enforcing discipline in the case of those members who persist in dram drinking, or who aid or defend the liquor traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. GIVEN, Chm.

This report was discussed by D. A. Given, P. L. Marshlis, W. H. Bailey, T. J. Webb, J. R. Baham, J. W. Pate, A. Reeves,

S. W. Sibley, R. P. Bates, C. H. Otken, L. Ball, Crosley Given and P. P. McCoy, and adopted.

39. The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following final

REPORT:

To-night at 7:30 o'clock, the consideration of the report on Mississippi College.

Preaching at the Methodist church at the same hour by J. H. Lane, and at Whitestown by J. P. Hemby.

FOR THE SABBATH:

At 9 a. m., Sunday School mass meeting at the Baptist church.

At 11 a. m. preaching at the Baptist church by R. A. Venable, the Methodist church by L. Ball, the Presbyterian church by S. W. Sibley.

At 3 p. m., preaching at the Baptist church by C. H. Otken, Whitestown by J. H. Lane.

At 7:30 p. m., preaching at the Baptist church by L. Ball, the Methodist church by R. J. Stewart, the Presbyterian church by J. P. Hemby, Whitestown by J. M. Cook.

40. Upon motion of J. C. Gadd, all the Sunday Schools of the City were invited to attend the mass meeting to-morrow morning.

41. Adjourned with benediction by W. H. Bailey.

EVENING SESSION.

42. Pursuant to previous arrangements, the Association met at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. in business session:

43. It being the hour for the special order P. L. Marsalis read the

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Of all the works fostered by our denomination, there is none that has given such grand results as that of our College.

The influence for good that has gone out from Mississippi College is felt not only in every corner and nook of our own State, but it has gone to our sister States, and even to every heathen land.

From year to year it has had a long roll of students who have been educated for the ministry, and it continues to bear such upon its roll; having enrolled during the past session forty-five ministerial students. And again, young men who have come here preparing for some secular calling have, by God's grace, been called into the ministry, and are now doing good work for

he Master. Thus we see that the blessing of God has been upon our College, and that its influence has ever been heavenward, and its work enduring.

We desire to emphasized the fact that the College needs contributions from the churches, notwithstanding the fact that we have an endowment of $40,000. Brethren, let us remember that this is not enough of itself. The income from the money invested is less than what is needed, and the success of the College must depend largely on the endowment of love which has sustained it so long. Brethren, let us guard against the possibility of our affections being weaned away from the College and its interests.

The report of the Board of Trustees to the late Convention says: Our prospects for the coming year are good. Our faculty is composed of good men, and they are working earnestly among our people to show them the advantages of sending their sons to us. The changes adopted last year in College management are proving generally advantageous.

The advantages of a collegiate education for their children are being more and more widely felt by the Baptists and the people of Mississippi. And the good quality of the work done by our College is being more and more highly appreciated everywhere.

The Board of Ministerial Education is enlarging its work and will bring an increased number of students to our College.

The obligation is upon us to support our College with our influence, our patronage, our contributions and our prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

P. L. MARSALIS.

After discussion by R. A. Venable, the report was adopted.

44. The Association adjourned till Monday morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

45. There were divine services in the several churches as arranged by the Committee on Religious Exercises; and cash collections were taken for Missions amounting to $28.20, and for College expenses amounting to $11.85.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

October 10th, 1892.

46. At 9 o'clock, a. m., the Association was called to order by the Moderator, and after singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," engaged in prayer led by J. Jasper Green.

47. The minutes of the two preceding days were read and approved.

48. G. L. Brashears read the

REPORT ON PLAN OF WORK.

Believing the present Plan of Work to be unwieldy and too complicated for the amount of good resulting therefrom, we therefore disapprove of the same; and suggest that the former plan be simplified, recommending that instead of districting the territory of the Association, as at present, an Executive Board consisting of seven members be appointed, who shall have full charge of all the work within the bounds of the Association, coming within the range of the present Board—it being their duty to continue to foster and encourage the work of Missions, and all other interests which have been under the supervision of the present Board; and that it shall be governed in its actions by such regulations as the Association may see fit to impose.

G. L. BRASHEARS,
I. A. QUIN,
D. D. ROLLINS.

The report was discussed by D. D. Rollins, R. J. Stewart, W. K. Smith, S. W. Sibley and J. H. Lane, and amended and adopted.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That each church have its own plan of work, and when collections are taken for Missions and other things fostered by our denomination, that the money be forwarded at once to the Secretary of the Convention Board, and the receipt therefor be sent to the Treasurer of this Association.

49. H. I. Weathersby read the

REPORT ON PASTORAL SUPPORT.

Since the days of the Apostle Paul the support of the ministry has ever stood as a menace to the spread of the gospel. All over our land to-day comes up the cry "how shall the churches support their pastors?" "He that preaches the gospel shall live of the gospel;" is a Bible truth. Yet we see many ministers of the gospel who must, as did the Apostle Paul, resort to other pursuits to sustain life.

"Study to show thyself a man approved of God in every good work," is a Scriptural injunction. Can your pastor fulfill this injunction when you fail to contribute, as the Scripture requires, to his support?

Will the churches of this Association continue to force their

pastors to stand in their pulpits and beg the churches to support them when this duty devolves upon the deacons? or will they choose such deacons from their number as will take the responsibility of directing the financial work of the churches, and see that their pastors are supported?

Respectfully submitted,

H. I. WEATHERSBY,
C. D. CAUSEY,
S. R. QUIN.

After its discussion by H. I. Weathersby, J. F. Hamilton, L. Ball, P. L. Marsalis and D. H. Quin, the report was adopted.

50. J. C. Gadd presented the

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

It seems that comparative success has attended all our missionary operations and that enlargement has been the motto of all our Boards; and still the Macedonian cry is heard all around us—"Come over and help us."

The demand at the present day is not for places to put our missionaries, but for men and money to occupy these fields already white unto the harvest. We believe men would be forth-coming if only the harney could be raised to send them out.

We believe there are men in all our Associations sufficiently consecrated to go anywhere in God's vineyard. We believe also that our people have the money to meet all the demands of this work which our dear Lord has layed upon us, if we as a people were only sufficiently educated in, and consecrated to the work. As this is the centennial year of modern missions let us build a monument to the glory of God, and in memory of Cary and his coadjutors; not of stone or granite, but of noble deeds and generous sacrifices.

And to this end let us have:

1st—A campaign of education.

And let it be so thorough that it shall permeate every church, and reach every member of every church.

This may be accomplished by holding missionary mass meetings, circulating missionary literature and preaching missionary sermons.

2nd—We would also suggest a day of fasting and prayer—in which all our churches should participate—with special offerings to the general centennial fund.

J. C. GADD,
G. P. GARDNER,
L. L. MAGEE.

The report was discussed by J. C. Gadd, R. A. Venable, L. Ball, S. R. Young and C. H. Otken; and pending its adoption the following try-pledged were made for Missions:

Bethlehem	$ 2 50
Concord	10 00
Eastfork	50 00
Ebenezer	35 00
Liberty	50 00
Mars Hill	50 00
McComb City	50 00
Mt. Pleasant, Amite Co.	5 00
Mt. Vernon	10 00
New Salem	2 50
Summit	50 00
Zion Hill	5 00
Total	$320 00

The report was then adopted.

51. Lem. Parker read the

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We find, on examining the latters from the churches within the bounds of this Association, that thirty-three deaths have occurred since the Association last convened.

Only the seven following names were given: Sisters Susan Berryhill and M. D. Hoff of Galilee; Sister Lizzie McGehee, of Mt. Zion; Sisters S. A. Lea and Jane Thorn of Mt. Vernon; Sister M. A. Jenkins of New Zion; and Sister Sarah Brumfield of New Hope Amite Co.

We sincerely hope that these sisters, and all others who have departed this life since our last meeting, have entered that rest that remains for the people of God; and that those left behind may console themselves with this blessed thought —knowing that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. JONES,
L. R. PARKER,
H. N. ELLZEY.

52. Adjourned till 2 p. m. with prayer by J. R. Baham.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

53. The Association met 2 o'clock, p. m., and after singing, "Am I a soldier of the cross," joined in prayed led by D. M. Huff.

54. J. H. Lane presented the

REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

Your Committee beg leave to report: That we have within the territory of this Association three schools, in which the pupils who attend them, receive not only the best literary training, but also have the advantages of good Christian cousel and influences.

Lea Female College is located at Summit, and has for a number of years been doing a good work under the direction of its president, Dr. C. H. Otken.

The pupils who have been trained in that school are to-day giving testimony to the efficiency of the work of that Institution.

Eastfork Male and Female College is again on its feet and thoroughly equipped for work. Their house which was destroyed last year by fire has been replaced. Bro. J, J. Lee is at the head of this school.

There is now a good attendance of pupils, and a good work is being done.

The Liberty Male and Female College is presided over by Bro. P. L, Marsalis who, with his efficient help, Bro. Gardner, is doing a fine work.

This institution is well equipped, and the attendance at this time is good.

These schools are all under Baptist control, and being located as they are, in our very midst, are a power for good, and should be encouraged by our people.

They need our hearty support and patronage. Let them have this.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. DOUGLASS,
J. M. COOK,
W. R. WALKER.

The report was discussed by C. H. Otken and adopted.

55. W. E. Young read the

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

To preach the Associational Sermon, S. W. Sibley; alternate, Elisha Gardner.

J. H. Lane to preach a Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock, a, m.; J. P. Hemby, alternate.

We also recommend the appointment of the following brethren on the Executive Board: From Mars Hill, J. A. Burris,

T. B. Godbold and M. M. Martin; From Eastfork, T. J. J. Spurlock, Chas. Cook, E. A. Bates and W. W. Everett.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. YOUNG,
S. J. HODGES.

The report was adopted.

56. Siloam church was selected as the place of next meeting of this body.

57. S. C. Gardner read and the Association adopted the

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. P. GARDNER, Treasurer,
In acc't with the Mississippi Baptist Asso'n.

RECEIPTS.

Associational fund	$	88 60
General work		126 75
State Missions		81 00
Foreign Missions		82 95
Home Missions		8 00
Ministerial Education		58 50
Sustentation		2 35
Delegate fund, S. B. C.		8 90
Total		457 05

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing minutes	$	92 00
General work		126 75
State Missions		63 45
Foreign Missions		49 20
Home Missions		4 00
Ministerial Education		58 40
Delegate fund, S. B. C.,		2 00
Total		395 80
Balance in hand	$	61 25

58. A. S. Turner read and the Association adopted the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We have received and turned over to the Treasurer the following amounts:

For Associational fund	$	93 15
" Missions		32 51
" Home Missions		25

For Foreign Missions	8 30
" Ministerial Education	6 80
" Delegate deficit fund	2 00
" Clerk deficit fund	1 25
" W. J. Weatherly's Matriculation fee	14 45
Cash collection for Missions	28 20
Cash collection for College	11 85
For State Missions	3 00
Total	201 76

We have also examined the former Treasurer's report, and find the same correct, with a balance of sixty-one dollars and twenty-five cents ($61.25) due by him to the Association, and which we have received and turned over with the other funds to the present Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. TURNER,
H. R CAUSEY,
C. P. BUCKELS.

59. CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

were appointed to the following bodies:

Union Association—P. L. Marsalis, J. H. Lane and J. P. Hemby.

Bogue Chitto Association—S. R. Young, C. H. Otken and J. M. Godwin.

Homo Chitto (Col) Association—S. R. Young, R. J. Stewart, T. J. Webb and C. A. Young.

Mississippi River Association—W. P. Smith, C. H. Otken, C. A. Young and J. R. Baham.

Carey Association—E. T. Smith, Z. Byrd, and J. P Hemby.

Fair River Association—B. F. Walker, Wm. Mullin and C. H. Otken.

Baptist State Convention—J. H. Lane, S. W. Sibley, P. L. Marsalis, J. P. Hemby, R. J. Stewart, A. S. Turner, D. H. Quin, J. C. Gadd, J. C. Covington, D. D. Rollins, S. C. Gardner and E. T. Smith.

General Sunday School Convention of this Association—Dewit Jones, W. E. Young, C. A. Young, S. R. Young, J. P. Hemby and J. W. Pate.

Mississippi College—J. H. Lane, D. A Given, R. J. Stewart and C. H. Otken.

60. Upon motion of J. H. Lane, D. A. Given was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

61. Upon motion of P. L. Marsalis the Clerk was instructed to have the minutes of the General Sunday School Convention printed with the minutes of this Association.

62. Upon motion of J. C. Gadd the style of the sermon was changed from Introductory sermon to Associational sermon.

63. Upon motion of S. W. Sibley it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered the people of McComb City and Whitestown for their kind and courteous hospitality; and to our Methodist and Presbyterian brethren for the use of their houses of worship.

64. Upon motion of S. W. Sibley, the Clerk of this Association was instructed to procure blank Associational letters and furnish the churches.

65. There being no further business, the Association adjourned to meet with the Siloam church, Franklin county, on Friday before the second Lord's day in October, 1893, at 10 o'clock A. M.

66. After taking the parting hand the Association joined in prayer, led by S. R. Young.

J. P. HEMBY,
Clerk.

R. J. STEWART,
Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, RULES, ETC.

—OF THE—

Mississippi Baptist Association.

1. We believe in only one true living God, and that there is a trinity in persons in the God-head—the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, are of Divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam, in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity, in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world, are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, are evidences of a gracious state; and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that the visible Church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church —the only Lawgiver—and the government is with the body of the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the gospel ordinances appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only Scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism by immersion, and to give themselves as members of the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from its communion all disorderly members who are immoral in their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to scripture.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches of our Union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with the number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, ex-communicated, and dead since the last Association.

3. Delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Union they shall petition by letter and delegates. If on examination found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association manifested by the moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until she shall exceed one hundred members; then she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the Union shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether it shall be debated; and if there shall be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always,

that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator.

10 The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted except he depart from the subject, break the Rules of Decorum, or cast reflections on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the conference, neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated; provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as it may think proper, and send them by their delegates to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, by the Association appointed, who shall be accountable to the Association for all the money by him received, and paid out according to the direction of the same.

16. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended, from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alteration only as respect form.

POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the business of this Association to provide

for the general union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence (when convenient) with other Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of the Association to give the churches the best advice in its power, in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as associates, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have the power to adjourn to any time or place they may think proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Inc'as'd by			Dec'd by			Membership.			Number of Minutes.
	Baptism	Letter	Restored	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Males	Female	Total	
† Arlington	13	3	..	....	..	..	....	....	51	20
Bethel	9	....	1	1	2	..	....	....	84	25
Bethlehem	....	3	..	....	..	..	9	19	28	12
Concord	2	9	..	4	1	..	....	....	105	20
Eastfork	8	5	1	13	9	3	....	....	278	50
Ebenezer	15	3	..	4	1	2	....	....	134	35
Galilee	13	11	2	2	5	2	111	140	251	50
Hebron	1	1	..	6	..	..	....	....	42	15
Hopewell	1	1	..	3	1	2	....	....	65	25
Liberty	13	3	2	9	1	..	....	....	183	35
Mars Hill	7	1	..	15	1	2	....	....	196	40
McComb City	13	25	..	....	4	5	....	....	260	50
Mt. Zion	9	....	1	10	..	..	....	....	195	35
Mt. Pleasant, Franklin county	....	1	..	4	..	2	....	....	26	15
Mt. Pleasant, Amite county	9	9	..	1	..	1	....	....	33	15
Mt. Vernon	15	1	3	1	..	3	49	63	112	25
Mt. Olive	8	8	..	....	..	..	....	....	46	25
New Hope, Franklin county	3	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	47	10
New Hope, Amite county	6	3	..	5	..	1	....	....	33	15
New Providence	6	1	..	2	..	1	....	....	100	40
New Salem	6	2	1	9	..	1	....	....	35	10
New Zion	....	2	..	....	..	1	37	39	76	30
Ramah	....	5	1	13	8	2	....	....	132	30
Sarepta, (not represented)	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	*144	35
Siloam	4	3	..	....	5	..	35	46	81	25
Summit	3	3	..	....	..	4	....	....	150	20
Zion Hill, (no letter)	....	....	..	....	..	..	....	....	*139	30
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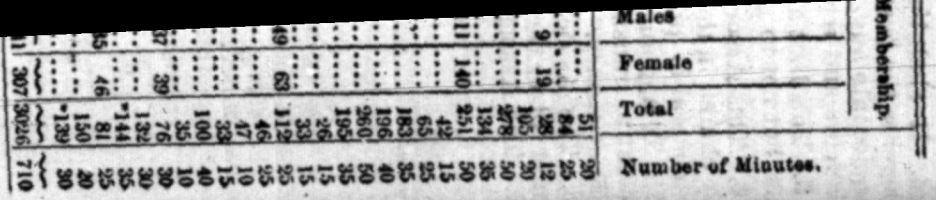
† Received this session.

* Last reported membership.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary	As'nl fund	Mis'ns	State Mis'ns	Home Mis'ns	Forgn Mis'ns	Min'tl Edc'n	Bldng and rep'rs	Other obj'ts	Mnstl help	Sustentation	Dele-g'te f'nd	Total
													$ 74 40
Arlington	60 00	3 00	11 40										7 55
Bethel		3 00	4 55				2 50					1 25	124 50
Bethlehem	120 00	2 00										4 00	132 35
Concord	125 00	2 35	3 75				18 35		50 00	37 50	12 00		572 20
Eastfork	400 00	5 00	45 35						20 25				25 25
Ebenezer		5 00					63 85	*28 00	73 00	85 70			760 55
Galilee	500 00	10 00				17 30		12 20		9 60			41 60
Hebron		2 50								10 10		1 50	59 60
Hopewell		3 00	45 00		4 40	18 85	14 75		22 10	8 60	35	75	74 80
Liberty		5 00		9 00	15 75	12 95	12 35		25 00		2 50		487 55
Mars Hill	405 00	5 00						5 00	14 00	4 00			659 30
McComb City	600 00	5 25	54 00										240 10
Mt. Zion	200 00	3 50	13 60										4 00
Mt. Pleas't FranklinCo		4 00											1 35
Mt. Pleasant Amite Co		1 35									6 80		110 80
Mt. Vernon	100 00	2 60	1 40					546 00	86 00				767 50
Mt. Olive	125 00	5 00	5 50										2 65
NewHope, Franklin Co		2 65											2 00
New Hope, Amite Co		2 00											9 10
New Providence		4 00	5 10										3 71
New Salem		1 00	2 71							4 50			100 15
New Zion	90 65	5 00				1 55							103 55
Ramah	100 00	2 00											5 50
Sarepta (not repr'ted)		2 50		3 00									1001 70
Siloam		2 50		19 60	80 00	30 00	22 50	100 00	9 60	37 50			
Summit	700 00												
Zion Hill, (no letter)													
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* Jackson church.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR	CLERK	Time of meeting.
Arlington	R. J. Stewart, Liberty, Miss.	T. W. Chisholm, Bogue Chitto, Miss.	2nd Sabbath
Bethel	T. C. Schilling, Gillsburg, Miss.	R. P. Bates, Liberty Miss.	1st Sabbath
Bethlehem	J. P. Hemby, Gloster, Miss.	A. J. Bates, Bates' Mill, Miss.	1st Sabbath
Concord	R. J. Steward, Liberty, Miss.	J. I. Godbold, McCall's Creek, Miss.	4th Sabbath
Eastfork	J H. Lane, Eastfork, Miss	Not given	2d & 4th Sabbaths
Ebenezer	T. C. Schilling, Gillsburg, Miss.	R. D. J. Smith Olio, Miss.	Not reported
Galilee	J. P. Hemby, Gloster, Miss.	W. W. Brashears, Gloster, Miss.	2d & 4th Sabbaths
Hebron	E. Gardner, Liberty, Miss	W. P. Hamilton, Eastfork, Miss	1st Sabbath
Hopewell	D. A. Given, McComb City, Miss.	H. H. Magee, Veto, Miss	Not reported
Liberty	R. J. Stewart, Liberty, Miss.	W. Z. Lea, Liberty, Miss.	3d Sabbath
Mars Hill	J. H. Lane, Eastfork, Miss.	H. L. Magee, Smithdale, Miss	1st & 3d Sabbaths
McComb City	J C Gadd, McComb City	R W. Sudduth, McComb City, Miss.	Every Sabbath
Mt Zion	D A. Given, McComb City, Miss.	W. H Cain, Little Springs, Miss.	Not reported
Mt. Pleasant, Franklin Co.	J. M. Stroud, P. O, not given	J. W. Cobb, Meadville, Miss.	Not reported
Mt. Pleasant, Amite Co.	E. T Smith, Gloster, Miss.	T. J. Wash, P O. not given	Not reported
Mt. Vernon	J. R. G. Reeves, P. O. not given	J. S. McCoy, P. O not given	3 l Sabbath
Mt. Olive	E. Gardner, Liberty, Miss	W. E. Young, Smithdale Miss.	4th Sabbath
New Hope, Franklin Co.	J. M Stroud, P. O. not given	J. R. Mullins Hamburg, Miss.	Not reported
New Hope, Amite Co.	J. R. Baham, P. O. not given	T. P. Hones, Huron, Miss.	1st Sabbath
New Providence	Thos. Lansdel, Olio, Miss.	J. C. Causey P. O not given	4th Sabbath
New Salem	S. H. Thompson, Liberty, Miss.	J. F. Porter, McCall's Creek, Miss	1st Sabbath
New Zion	J. P. Hemby, Gloster, Miss.	Z. E. Nunnery, Nunnery, Miss,	3 l Sabbath
Ramah	Jos. Buckles, Caseyville, Miss.	W L. Smith, Simlo, Miss.	3d Sabbath
Sarepta	Not reported		
Siloam	Not reported	W. D. Jones, Zion Hill, Miss.	Not reported
Summit	S. W. Sibley, Summit Miss.	Carey Dunn, Summit, Miss.	Every Sabbath
Zion Hill	R. J. Stewart, Liberty, Miss.	W. R. Jacobs, Zion Hill, Miss	1st Sabbath

MINUTES

OF THE

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

MARS HILL, May, ~~1897~~ 1892

The Convention was called to order by J. H. Lane, who conducted a short prayer meeting. The Convention then listened to addresses from three of the brethren.

Delegates from the following churches were recognized: Galilee, Concord, Mt. Olive, Liberty, Hebron, Mt. Zion, Zion Hill, Mars Hill, East Fork, Whitestown.

At 12 o'clock the Convention adjourned for one hour and reassembled at 1; prayer by J. P. Hemby.

The report of the Committee on Program was adopted.

The following subjects were discussed:

1. "Should we use our Convention series of literature in preference to any other? Answered in the affirmative by A. S. Turner, R. J. Stewart and J. P. Hemby, who discussed the subject.

2. "Is there a need of deeper consecration in Sunday school work on the part of officers and teachers?" Discussed by S. R. Young, R. J. Stewart and Pink Jones. Answered in the affirmative.

3. "What is the best method of getting the old people interested in Sunday school work.?" Discussed by S. R. Young, J. P. Hemby and J. M. Godwin.

4. "Evil communications corrupt good manners." Discussed by R. J. Stewart, J. P. Hemby and J. M. Godwin.

5. "Is our Convention accomplishing the work for which it was organized?" Discussed by J. P. Hemby and S. R. Young. Answered in the negative.

District No. 2 reported money in their treasury, which was offered to the General Convention. The matter was referred back to the local Convention.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to procure report blanks and distribute them among the different Sunday schools.

Treasurer C. R. Cook made a report, which was received.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.
CHURCHES.
PASTOR
CLERK

The Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock next day.

A selection from the Bible was read and a mass meeting held, conducted by E. Gardner.

Essay by E. Gardner, discussed by A. S. Turner and R. J. Stewart, adopted.

C. R. Cook reported the effort to get Sunday school statistics, a failure. Report received and committee discharged.

On motion, the Convention decided to meet at Liberty, Miss.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare the minutes for publication.

The following subject was discussed by J. P. Hemby, S. R. Young and R. J. Stewart: "The futnre outlook of the rising generation."

R. J. Stewart read the report of the Committee on Program, which was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to notify each participant in next Convention.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

E. GARDNER, Sect'y.

The following delegates to the Association were appointed: T. R. Godbold, T. J. J. Spurlock, C. R. Cook, J. A. Burris, J. M. Godwin, W. H. Cain, and A. J. Bates.

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